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The Real McCoy II Has Arrived!

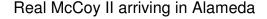
Oakland– The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announced today that the Real McCoy II ferry has arrived in the Bay Area. The \$4.3 million Real McCoy II ferry will replace the existing sixty-five year old Real McCoy ferry on State Route 84 at Ryer Island near Rio Vista in Solano County.

The Real McCoy II will travel from Alameda to Rio Vista where Caltrans crews will receive training to pilot the new vessel and further equip the vessel for service. Training is expected to begin Monday, January 10, 2011.

In order to facilitate training, the current Real McCoy ferry service from Rio Vista to Ryer Island will be temporarily unavailable Monday, January 10 through Wednesday, January 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. Motorists are asked to use an alternate route during these hours.

Caltrans is planning to officially launch the vessel in early February.







Real McCoy II being unloaded at the dock



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Real McCoy II begins its journey to Ryer Island.



The Real McCoy II

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